

1 First-Deer Tag Applications

A First-Deer Tag Application may be used to apply for the following hunts:

Premium Deer Tags

Tags are issued through the Big Game Drawing for X zones, Additional Hunts and Area-Specific Archery Hunts. To apply for a premium deer tag issued through the Big Game Drawing, applicants must use a First-Deer Tag Application; except for junior hunters (see below).

X Zone Tags: These tags allow hunting during the general season only, in a specific zone using a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow.

Additional Hunt Deer Tags: Additional deer hunts offer antlerless, either-sex, and buck hunting opportunities in a variety of locations throughout the state. They include apprentice deer hunts, military lands hunts, and special equipment hunts.

Apprentice Deer Hunts: Applicants must be at least 12 years of age on or before July 1 of the license year for which they are applying or at the time of application if they are applying after July 1, and must possess a 2008/2009 California junior hunting license. Eligible junior license holders may use either a First-Deer or Second-Deer Tag Application to apply for apprentice deer hunts; however only one application may be submitted for apprentice hunts. (See pages 24-25 for Apprentice Deer Hunts.) Juniors receiving tags must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older while hunting.

Military Lands Hunts: Additional hunts G8, G9 and J10 are held on military installations and offer limited numbers of tags for the public. Tags are issued through the DFG's Big Game Drawing. Additional Hunts G7 (Beale Air Force Base Either-Sex Hunt), G10 (Camp

Pendleton Air Force Base Either-Sex Hunt), and G11 (Vandenberg Air Force Base Either-Sex Hunt) are for military personnel only. Military personnel must submit deer tag applications directly to the base.

Area-Specific Archery Hunts: These tags allow archery hunting in designated areas throughout the state, including X zones.

Deer Tags Issued On Request

Deer tags are issued on request for A, B, C, and D zones until tag quotas fill. You may apply by mail or in person at any DFG license sales office.

- **A, B, and D Zone Deer Tags:** These tags allow hunting during the archery season with archery equipment and during the general season with a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow. Tags are valid for a specific zone except:

- B zone tag is valid in all B zones;
- D3-5 tag is valid in zones D3, D4, and D5; and
- D11, D13, or D15 tag may be used in any of these three zones.

- **C Zone Deer Tags:** These tags are valid in zones C1, C2, C3, and C4 during the **general season only**. To hunt with archery equipment during the archery season in any C zone you must apply for an A1 Area-Specific Archery Hunt tag.

- **Archery-Only #1 (AO#1) Deer Tags:** These tags allow hunting with archery equipment during the archery and general seasons in A, B, or D zones.

An AO#1 tag may be used by military personnel only for Additional Hunt G10. (To hunt during an X zone archery season, you must have an Area-Specific Archery Hunt tag.) You may not possess a rifle, pistol, revolver or crossbow when hunting with an Archery-Only deer tag except as otherwise provided.

Leftover Draw Tags Issued Beginning July 2, 2008

Persons with First-Deer Tag Applica-

tions or unsuccessful drawing notices may apply for leftover drawing tags. You must submit your application to the License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento before July 2, 2008 to be included in any additional drawings that may be required. *(If the number of applications received by 5:00 p.m., July 2, 2008 exceeds the number of tags available for a specific zone or hunt, a drawing may be held.)*

Any X zone or Additional Hunt tags remaining after the drawing will be issued on request by mail and in person from the DFG's License and Revenue Branch only.

Any Area-Specific Archery Hunt tags remaining after the drawing will be issued on request to any First- or Second-Deer Tag Application or unsuccessful drawing notice by mail and in person from the DFG's License and Revenue Branch only; with the exception of A1 (Archery Buck in the C zones), also available at the Redding office; and A22 (San Diego Archery Either-Sex), A31 (Los Angeles Archery Either-Sex), and A32 (Ventura/Los Angeles Archery Late Season Either-Sex), also available at the Los Alamitos and San Diego offices.

Preference Point Only

Applicants who want to earn a preference point for deer but do not want to apply for a premium deer tag must:

1. Purchase a 2008/2009 California hunting license;
2. Purchase a First-Deer Tag Application;
3. Complete the application and write the point code "PD" in the first choice box on the application; and
4. Mail your application to the DFG's License and Revenue Branch. The application must be **received** by 5:00 p.m., June 2, 2008.

In addition to requesting a preference point, you may also use your application to apply for a premium tag or tag issued on request as your second and third tag choices.

2 Second-Deer Tag Applications

After purchasing a First-Deer Tag Application, applicants may purchase a Second-Deer Tag Application to apply for the following:

Apprentice Deer Hunt Tags

Junior applicants who use their First-Deer Tag Application to apply for other tags, may use their Second-Deer Tag Application to apply for Apprentice Deer Hunts through the Big Game Drawing.

Junior hunters may only submit **one** application for Apprentice Deer Hunts; either a First-Deer Tag Application **or** a Second-Deer Tag Application.

Deer Tags Issued on Request

The following tags are issued immediately upon request until tag quotas fill. You may apply in person or by mail at any DFG license sales office.

- *A Zone and B Zone Deer Tags:* These tags allow hunting during the archery season with archery equipment and during the general season with a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow except as otherwise provided.

- *Archery-Only #2 (AO#2) Deer Tag:* These tags allow hunting with archery equipment during the archery and general seasons in A, B, or D zones.

An AO#2 tag may be used by military personnel for Additional Hunt G10. (To hunt during an X zone archery season, you must have an Area-Specific Archery Hunt tag.) You may not possess any rifle, shotgun, pistol, revolver, or crossbow when hunting with an Archery-Only deer tag, unless otherwise specified.

Leftover Draw Tags Issued

Beginning July 2, 2008

- *Any Area-Specific Archery Hunt Tag Remaining After the Drawing:* Tags for these hunts allow archery hunting in designated areas throughout the state, including hunts within X zones.

Tags Issued

Beginning August 4, 2008

- *D Zone Deer Tags:* These tags allow hunting during the archery season with archery equipment and during the general season with a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow except as otherwise provided. Tags are valid for a specific zone except:

- D3-5 tag is valid in zones D3, D4, and D5; and
- D11, D13, or D15 tag may be used in any of these three zones.

- *Any Leftover Additional Hunt Tags:* Additional deer hunts include antlerless, either-sex, and buck hunting opportunities in a variety of locations throughout the state. They also include apprentice, military lands, and special equipment hunts.

On August 4, 2008, Second-Deer Tags for D zones will be issued at DFG offices upon request until quotas fill. Second-Deer Tags for unfilled Additional Hunts are issued only at the DFG's License and Revenue Branch. To receive any D zone or leftover Additional Hunt tag before August 4, 2008, you must use a First-Deer Tag Application.

Do You Hunt In Another State?

If you do, you must declare any legally taken and possessed game or fish brought back into California. For instructions and a printable copy of the Declaration For Entry form go the following Web address:

www.dfg.ca.gov/enforcement/entry-declaration.aspx

Important Things to Consider Regarding Second-Deer Tag Applications

- Second-Deer Tag Applications **cannot** be used to apply for C zone or any X zone Tags.
- If the DFG has received more applications than available tags for any zone or hunt, a drawing may be held. To be included in any drawing, submit your Second-Deer Tag Application in advance to the DFG's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento.

Filling Out Your Deer Tag Application



Completing Your Deer Tag Application

When filling out your deer tag application, follow these steps:

1. Purchase a deer tag application from a DFG office or license agent.
2. **Write your 2008/2009 California hunting license** number in the space provided.
3. If you applied for last year's big game drawing, you may have received hunter identification labels in the mail. If so, **affix** the hunter identification labels on the application. If not, **print all** required information, including your permanent hunter identification number (driver license or DMV identification number) and your date of birth.
4. Clearly print the **Hunt Code** for each choice, in order of preference, on your deer tag application (see pages 22-26). For Area-Specific Archery Hunts, use the hunt code (such as A6), not the zone where the hunt is located.
5. Mail your application to:
Department of Fish and Game
License and Revenue Branch
P.O. Box 349020
Sacramento CA 95834-9020
6. Make sure your application is **received** (not postmarked) by the **drawing deadline of 5:00 p.m., June 2, 2008**. Late applications will not be entered into the drawing and applicant will not earn a preference point.

Applying as a Party

Up to six (6) people may apply together by submitting their deer tag applications together, as specified below.

You must meet **all** of the following conditions to be considered a party:

1. All party members must make the same tag choices in the same order on their applications;
2. Each party member's application must show the party leader's name and driver license, DMV identification, or

DFG identification number;

3. The party size must not exceed the maximum of six (6) persons; and

4. All party members' applications must be mailed in **one** envelope with the party leader's application on top and stapled together. (Party members are awarded tags according to choices listed on the top application.)

You may not add or drop party members once your applications are submitted.

The preference point value for party applications entered in the Big Game Drawing is determined by averaging all party members' points (total preference points of the party divided by the number of party members). Preference point averages are not rounded up or down.

Please Check Your Application Carefully!

You may not make changes to your application once it is received by the DFG.

The information you provide on your application is used to track your preference points for current and future drawings.

Incomplete, incorrect, ineligible, or late applications may prevent you from receiving a deer tag for the 2008/2009 hunting season and earning a preference point for the 2008 season.

Late applications will not be entered into the drawing and applicant will not earn a preference point.

Top Reasons Why Deer Tag Applications are Rejected From the Drawing

1. *Applications received after the deadline.*
2. *Invalid zone or hunt code entered on applications.*
3. *Zone or hunt code not entered on applications.*
4. *Incorrect application used to apply for the drawing (Second-Deer Tag Application).*
5. *Applicant is too young to apply.*

2007 Deer Harvest by Antler Class

The following table shows the percentage by antler class of forked horn or better bucks and the total reported buck harvest for zones and hunts as of Feb. 13, 2008.

Zone/Hunt	2 Point Bucks	3 Point Bucks	4 Point Bucks	4+ Point Bucks	Total Buck Harvest	Zone/Hunt	2 Point Bucks	3 Point Bucks	4 Point Bucks	4+ Point Bucks	Total Buck Harvest
Archery Only 1*	62.2%	23.6%	10.2%	3.9%	127	Hunt A16	33.3%	41.7%	16.7%		12
Archery Only 2*	54.8%	23.7%	16.3%	5.2%	135	Hunt A17	66.7%	33.3%			3
A Zone (South)	73.8%	20.3%	4.8%	0.4%	1,878	Hunt A18	50.0%	50.0%			4
A Zone (North)	59.9%	30.0%	8.5%	1.0%	1,795	Hunt A19	(No buck harvest)				0
Zone B1	43.8%	35.5%	18.1%	2.3%	1,599	Hunt A20	54.5%	27.3%	18.2%		11
Zone B2	52.2%	31.3%	14.3%	1.9%	1,407	Hunt A21		50.0%	50.0%		2
Zone B3	53.3%	29.1%	15.5%	1.5%	330	Hunt A22	71.4%	21.4%			14
Zone B4	42.6%	33.8%	21.6%	2.0%	148	Hunt A24	42.9%	42.9%			7
Zone B5	53.0%	35.0%	9.7%	2.1%	474	Hunt A25	33.3%	50.0%	16.7%		6
Zone B6	47.6%	30.3%	18.0%	3.0%	607	Hunt A26	30.0%	30.0%	40.0%		10
Zone C1	38.8%	36.7%	21.0%	2.1%	281	Hunt A27		100.0%			1
Zone C2	41.2%	34.8%	17.1%	5.9%	187	Hunt A30		100.0%			4
Zone C3	41.3%	35.3%	17.8%	4.2%	286	Hunt A31	65.4%	11.5%	15.4%		26
Zone C4	54.7%	31.1%	12.9%	1.4%	512	Hunt A32	100.0%				1
Zone D3	53.0%	25.2%	19.3%	2.3%	774	Hunt A33	66.7%	33.3%			3
Zone D4	45.1%	32.4%	14.6%	7.0%	213	Hunt G1	37.2%	35.2%	23.0%	4.0%	500
Zone D5	48.5%	30.3%	16.1%	4.4%	1,071	Hunt G3		14.8%	74.1%	11.1%	27
Zone D6	49.8%	30.4%	16.0%	3.3%	582	Hunt G6	44.8%	37.9%	10.3%	6.9%	29
Zone D7	49.7%	27.9%	18.3%	4.1%	366	Hunt G7	57.1%	42.9%			7
Zone D8	51.7%	32.2%	11.8%	3.8%	416	Hunt G8	(Antlerless buck harvest)				1
Zone D9	54.4%	25.0%	16.9%	3.8%	160	Hunt G9	(No buck harvest)				0
Zone D10	65.2%	23.9%	10.9%		46	Hunt G10	48.8%	20.9%	2.3%		43
Zone D11	70.5%	20.8%	7.4%	0.7%	149	Hunt G11	75.0%	10.0%	10.0%		20
Zone D12	18.1%	47.2%	29.2%	5.6%	72	Hunt G12	33.3%	50.0%			6
Zone D13	67.8%	22.9%	6.3%	2.0%	205	Hunt G13	(Antlerless buck harvest)				4
Zone D14	56.5%	26.1%	13.9%	2.6%	115	Hunt G19	50.0%	25.0%			4
Zone D15	72.7%	27.3%			11	Hunt G21	90.0%	10.0%			10
Zone D16	58.5%	33.3%	6.4%	1.8%	171	Hunt G37	7.1%	14.3%	28.6%	50.0%	14
Zone D17	45.6%	35.1%	12.3%	7.0%	57	Hunt G38	37.0%	22.2%	22.2%	18.5%	27
Zone D19	62.0%	34.0%	4.0%		50	Hunt G39		50.0%	25.0%	25.0%	4
Zone X1	35.6%	34.9%	25.6%	3.3%	418	Hunt M3	13.3%	13.3%	46.7%	20.0%	15
Zone X2	17.1%	38.2%	38.2%	6.6%	76	Hunt M4	66.7%	33.3%			3
Zone X3a	21.2%	40.0%	31.8%	7.1%	170	Hunt M5		50.0%	50.0%		2
Zone X3b	36.7%	39.6%	20.8%	2.4%	245	Hunt M6	33.3%	66.7%			3
Zone X4	25.4%	37.0%	27.5%	9.4%	138	Hunt M7	83.3%	16.7%			6
Zone X5a	17.2%	24.1%	41.4%	13.8%	29	Hunt M8		100.0%			2
Zone X5b	10.9%	34.8%	47.8%	6.5%	46	Hunt M9		11.1%	77.8%	11.1%	9
Zone X6a	35.1%	25.2%	34.2%	5.4%	111	Hunt M11	14.3%	42.9%	28.6%	14.3%	7
Zone X6b	32.8%	35.9%	23.4%	6.3%	64	Hunt MA1	40.0%				5
Zone X7a	30.8%	26.9%	31.7%	10.6%	104	Hunt MA3	87.5%	12.5%			8
Zone X7b	20.9%	48.8%	25.6%	4.7%	43	Hunt J1	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%		3
Zone X8	39.5%	23.7%	28.9%	7.9%	38	Hunt J3	25.0%	50.0%		25.0%	4
Zone X9a	34.1%	38.8%	22.4%	4.7%	255	Hunt J4	55.6%	44.4%			9
Zone X9b	36.7%	46.7%	16.7%		60	Hunt J7		50.0%	50.0%		2
Zone X9c	48.0%	36.0%	16.0%		50	Hunt J8	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%		6
Zone X10	42.5%	35.0%	12.5%	10.0%	40	Hunt J9	(No buck harvest)				0
Zone X12	42.2%	35.7%	19.7%	2.0%	244	Hunt J10	57.9%	34.2%	2.6%		38
Hunt A1	60.1%	29.7%	9.5%	0.6%	158	Hunt J11	25.0%		25.0%		4
Hunt A3	38.9%	38.9%	19.4%	2.8%	36	Hunt J12			25.0%	75.0%	8
Hunt A4	50.0%	50.0%			2	Hunt J13	(No buck harvest)				0
Hunt A5	37.5%	37.5%	25.0%		8	Hunt J14	50.0%	16.7%	16.7%		6
Hunt A6	80.0%	10.0%	10.0%		10	Hunt J15		33.3%	50.0%	16.7%	6
Hunt A7	18.8%	43.8%	25.0%	12.5%	16	Hunt J16	66.7%	33.3%			3
Hunt A8	50.0%	50.0%			2	Hunt J17	(No buck harvest)				0
Hunt A9		100.0%			1	Hunt J18	(Antlerless buck harvest)				2
Hunt A11	31.6%	15.8%	47.4%	5.3%	19	Hunt J19	25.0%	37.5%	12.5%	12.5%	8
Hunt A12	47.1%	29.4%	23.5%		17	Hunt J20	20.0%	20.0%	40.0%	20.0%	5
Hunt A13		50.0%	50.0%		4	Hunt J21	20.0%	40.0%	20.0%		5
Hunt A14	12.5%	50.0%	25.0%	12.5%	8	Fundraising Tags*		11.1%	44.4%	44.4%	9
Hunt A15	(No buck harvest)				0	STATEWIDE:	51.2%	29.5%	15.1%	3.0%	14,959

Table does not include percentages for unclassified and spike bucks, or Private Lands Management Area (PLM) deer kill, so percentages may not total 100 percent.

*Archery Only and Fund-raising Tags are listed separate, and are not included within the individual zone or hunt of kill.